# Teaching Historical Thinking in the Elementary Classroom

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## Today's Focus

- Student questions evoke learning
- Sentence stems can lead to deeper questions
- The right primary sources are essential for inquiry
- The study of perspectives promote empathy and deeper understanding

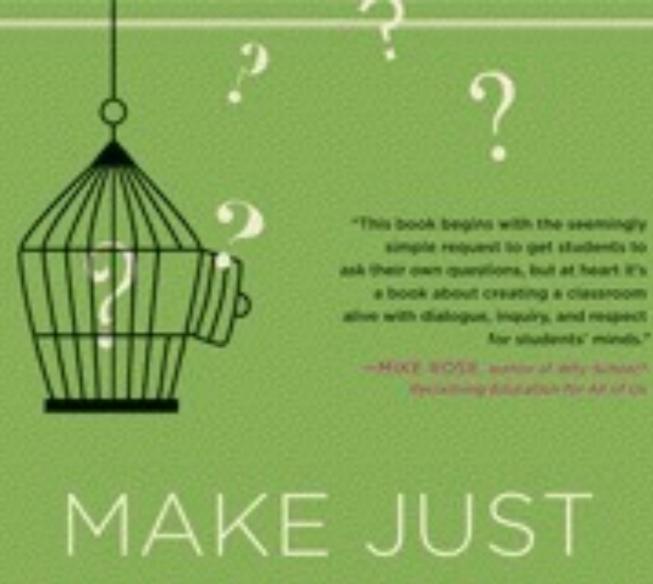
Asking questions is the simplest way of focusing thinking...asking the right questions may be the most important part of thinking.

Edward de Bono

Physician, psychologist, author, inventor, and consultant

## Questioning

- Questions get kids thinking
- Questions tell you where you need to go.
- Questions move the lesson



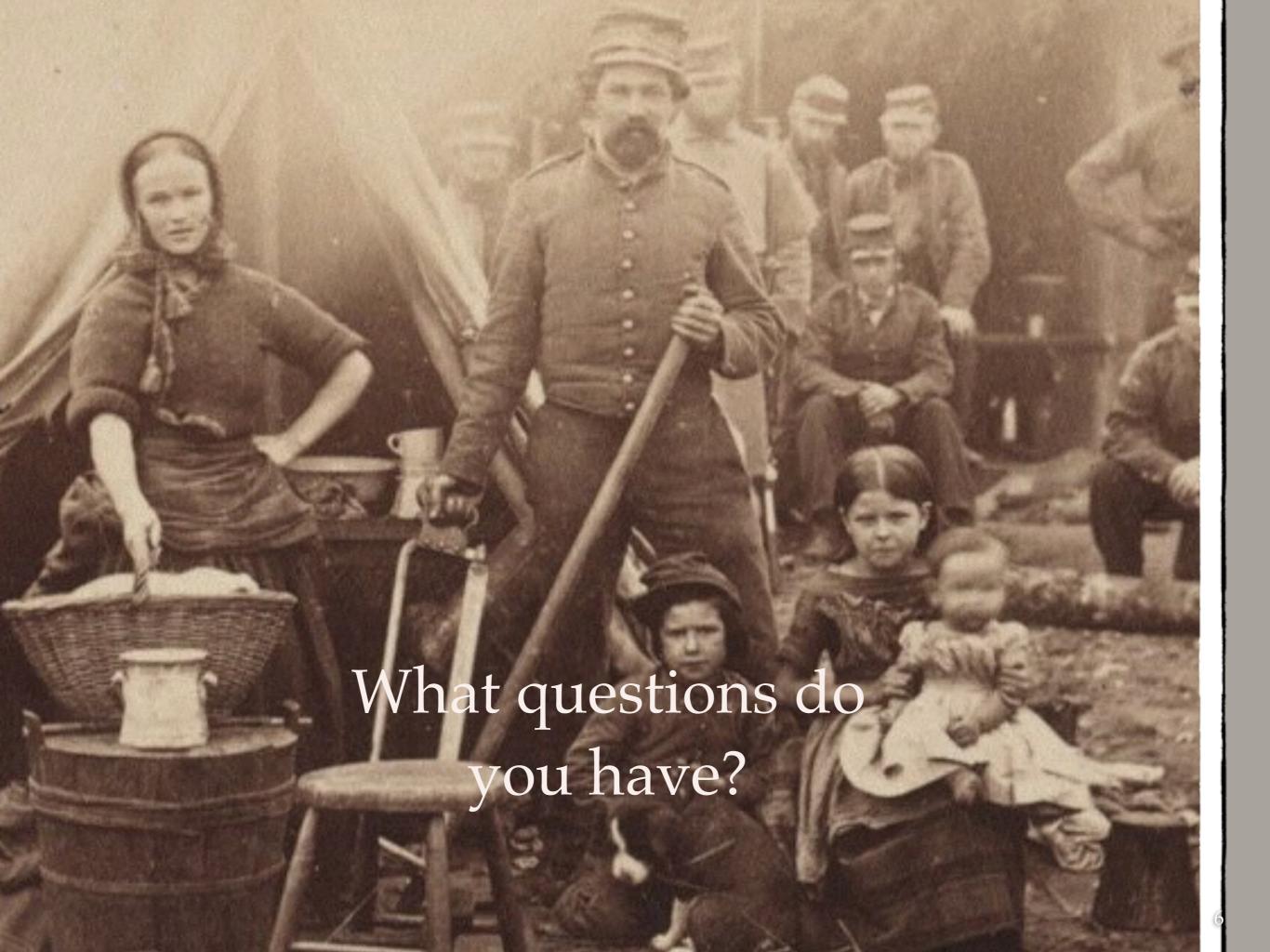
## MAKE JUST ONE CHANGE

Teach Students to Ask Their Own Questions

DAN ROTHSTEIN and LUZ SANTANA
Foreword by WENDY D. PURIEFOY

## Valuing Student Questions

- Questions promote learning.
- Questions help teachers learn what students already understand.
- Questions give teachers a starting point.
- Questions can engage.
- Questions can motivate.



### Statements I have used

- The Revolutionary War was revolutionary.
- The Civil War was not civil.
- Lights changed the world.
- The Corp of Discovery changed the face of America.
- The Preamble moves our government.
- The Gettysburg Address changed the war.
- Movements change who we are.

## Stems that evoke thinking...

- Respect can...
- People are...
- America has...
- Choices make...
- Movement can...
- Perspective will...
- My new understanding is...



## Observe, Reflect, Question

#### PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS TOOL



#### I see, I think, I wonder

OBSERVE	REFLECT	QUESTION
FURTHER INVESTIGATION		

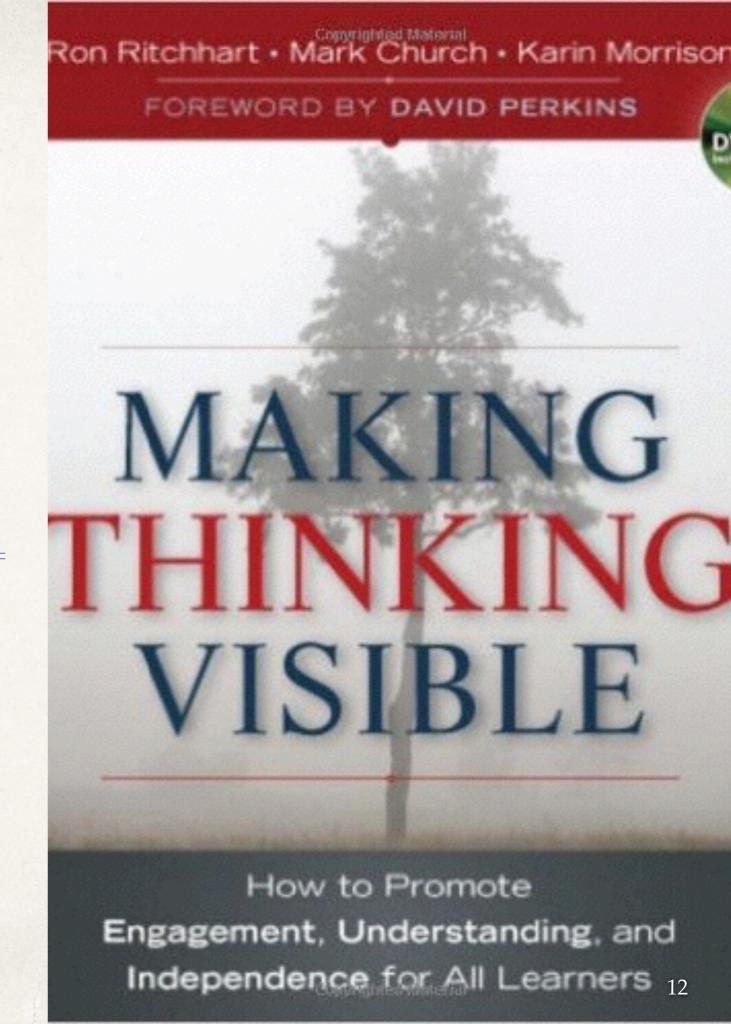


## Thinking Routines

Visual thinking helps student think more deeply

Visual thinking allows for all to share their thinking

Visual thinking promotes connections





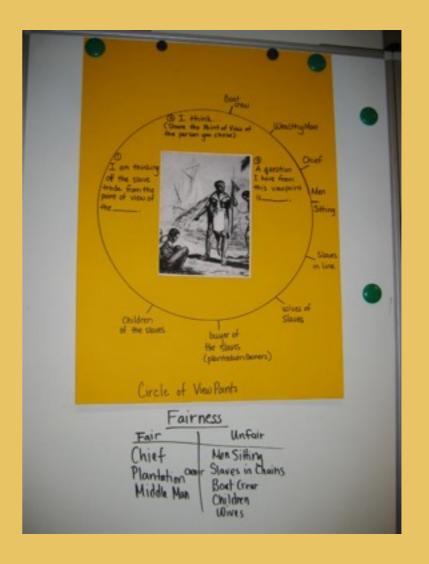
## The 4 C's

- Connections: What do you connect to?
- Challenge: What challenges your thinking?
- Concepts: What do you need to hold on to?
- Changes: What changes in attitude or thinking do you have now?

## Perspectives

#### From what perspective?

- People
- Places
- Things





Article- https://www.mainstreet.com/article/20-jobs-have-disappeared

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The word question is derived from the Latin quarrier,"to seek" which is the same root as the word for quest. A creative life is a continued quest, and good questions can be very useful guides...

unknown

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#### Connections to the New Social Studies Standards

Developing Questions and Planning Inquiries Constructing Essential Questions

SS.IS.1.3-5: Develop essential questions and explain the importance of the questions to self and others.

**Constructing Supporting Questions** 

SS.IS.2.3-5: Create supporting questions to help answer essential questions in an inquiry.

**Determining Helpful Sources** 

SS.IS.3.3-5: Determine sources representing multiple points of view that will assist in answering essential questions.

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# Websites I recommend for great lessons as well as primary sources

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